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## NEWS

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### **STEENS MOUNTAIN LOOP ROAD TO BE OPEN TO SOUTH STEENS CAMPGROUND**

**HINES, Oregon** – The lower portion of the Steens Mountain Loop Road, from Highway 205 to South Steens Campground, will be open Friday, May 18 for the summer season. The opening affords visitor access up to South Steens Campground and to the entrance gate for Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District.

Although maintenance has been completed on most of the Steens Mountain Loop Road, wet and muddy conditions still exist on secondary roads and across country. Visitors are encouraged to restrict their travels to maintained primary routes and avoid use of most or all side roads until conditions improve.

The northern section of the Steens Mountain Loop Road, beyond Page Springs Campground toward Fish Lake and Steens Summit, remains closed until further notice. The North Loop Road Winter Recreation Program is also closed and will reopen next winter when adequate snowfall exists.

For more information on road conditions or recreation opportunities, contact the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400, weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

